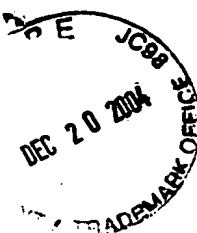


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ying-Ling LIU Confirmation No: 1159
Appl. No. : 10/621,520
Filed : July 18, 2003
Title : COMPOUND CONTAINING EPOXIDE AND MALEIMIDE
GROUPS, CURED RESIN PREPARED FROM SAID
COMPOUND

TC/A.U. : 1626
Examiner : A. J. Paviglianiti

Docket No.: LIUY3011/REF
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of November 24, 2004, in connection with the above identified application.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention, drawn to compounds, which includes claims 1-8, without traverse.

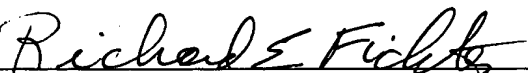
In addition, Applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species and elect "a residue of benzene" for "R"; "1" for "m"; and "1" for "n" for further prosecution in this application. The election of species is made with traverse at least for the definition of n as 1. Applicants most respectfully submit that the election requirement should be withdrawn when a generic claim is found allowable as Applicants are entitled to an examination of a reasonable number of species when the generic claim is found allowable. Claims 1-8 are readable on the elected invention and an early action on the merits of these claims is most respectfully requested.

Appl. No. 10/352,169
Response dated: December 20, 2004
Reply to OA of: November 24, 2004

In view of the election of the Group I invention, without traverse, and the election of a single species, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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